

Appl. No. 10/081,256
Office Action dated 08/11/2005

REMARKS

Claims 1-22, 24-41, and 44-49 are pending in the present application.

Claims 42-43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) for obviousness over U.S. Patent No. 5,649,293 to MacLellan et al. Claims 18-22 and 31-49 stand rejected over the judicially created doctrine of double patenting.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and urge allowance of the present application.

Claims 42-43 have been canceled.

With respect to the obviousness double patenting rejection, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,356,764 herewith. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness double patenting rejection in view of the submission of the terminal disclaimer herewith.

No rejections over the prior art have been presented against claims 18-22 and 31-41 and 44-49. Such claims are believed to be allowable in view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith and Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims in the next Action.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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